

D5395

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re patent Application of: Larson et al.
 Serial No.: 10/659,625
 Filed: September 10, 2003
 For: Modularized Power Take-Off Systems For Vehicles

)
) Group Art Unit: 3661
) Examiner: Tan Quang Nguyen

RECEIVED
 CENTRAL FAX CENTER
 JAN 28 2005

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

VIA FACSIMILE: (703) 872-9306
 Mail Stop Amendment
 Commissioner for Patents
 P.O. Box 1450
 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

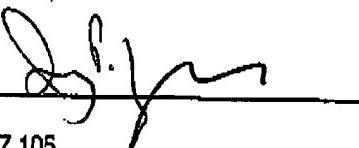
Sir:

Preliminary to the examination of the above-identified application, Applicants wish to bring to the attention of the Examiner the references identified on a European Search Report relating to our foreign counterpart patent application No. EP 04 02 0467, a copy of the report and foreign reference thereof are enclosed herewith for the Examiner's convenience.

I hereby state that each item of information contained in this Information Disclosure Statement was first cited in any communication from a foreign patent office (EP) in a counterpart foreign application (EP) not more than 3 months prior to the filing of this statement.

An action on the merits is requested.

Respectfully submitted,

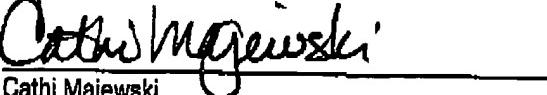

 Jeffrey P. Calfa
 Registration No. 37,105

Warrenville, IL 60555
 Date: January 28, 2005
 Telephone: 630/ 753-3023

CERTIFICATE OF TRANSMISSION UNDER 37 CFR §1.8

I hereby certify that this INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT is being facsimile transmitted to the Patent and Trademark Office on or before 1/28/05 to (703) 872-9306.

Date: 1/28/05


 Cathi Majewski

PTO/SB/08a (08-03)

Approved for use through 07/31/2006, OMB 0651-0031
U.S. Patent and Trademark Office; U.S. DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, no persons are required to respond to a collection of information unless it contains a valid OMB control number.

Substitute for form 1449AVPTO

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT BY APPLICANT

(Use as many sheets as necessary)

Shef

1

1

| | |
|------------------------|---|
| Complete if Known | |
| Application Number | 10/659,625 |
| Filing Date | 9/10/03 |
| First Named Inventor | Gerald L. Larson |
| Art Unit | 3661 |
| Examiner Name | Tan Quang Nguyen |
| Attorney Docket Number | D5395 |
| | RECEIVED CENTRAL FAX CENTER JAN 28 2005 |

U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS

FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS

Date Considered _____

EXAMINER: Initial if reference considered, whether or not citation is in conformance with MPEP 609. Draw line through citation if not in conformance and not considered. Include copy of this form with next communication to applicant. 1 Applicant's unique citation designation number (optional). 2 See Kinds Codes of USPTO Patent Documents at www.uspto.gov or MPEP 901.04. 3 Enter Office that issued the document, by the two-letter code (WIPO Standard ST.3). 4 For Japanese patent documents, the indication of the year of the reign of the Emperor must precede the serial number of the patent document. 5 Kind of document by appropriate symbols as indicated on the document under WIPO Standard ST.18 if possible. 6 Applicant is to place a check mark here if English language translation is attached.

This collection of information is required by 37 CFR 1.97 and 1.98. The information is required to obtain or retain a benefit by the public which is to file (and by the USPTO to process) an application. Confidentiality is governed by 35 U.S.C. 122 and 37 CFR 1.14. This collection is estimated to take 2 hours to complete, including gathering, preparing, and submitting the completed application form to the USPTO. Time will vary depending upon the individual case. Any comments on the amount of time you require to complete this form and/or suggestions for reducing this burden, should be sent to the Chief Information Officer, U.S. Patent and Trademark Office, U.S. Department of Commerce, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450. DO NOT SEND FEES OR COMPLETED FORMS TO THIS ADDRESS. Questions concerning the content of a patent application should be addressed to the Patent Office, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450.

If you need assistance in completing the form, call 1-800-PTO-9199 and select option 2.

European Patent
Office

EUROPEAN SEARCH REPORT

Application Number
EP 04 02 0467

| DOCUMENTS CONSIDERED TO BE RELEVANT | | | CLASSIFICATION OF THE APPLICATION (EPOCL7) |
|---|--|----------------------------------|---|
| Category | Citation of document with indication, where appropriate, of relevant passages | Relevant to claim | |
| X | US 6 272 402 B1 (KELWASKI H EDWARD) 7 August 2001 (2001-08-07) * column 3, line 49 - column 7, line 33; figures 1-3 * | 1-23 | H04L12/413 B60L1/00 B60R16/02 H02J1/14 G06F1/32 |
| X | WO 02/087053 A (JAGUAR CARS ; PICKERING STEPHEN ROBERT (GB)) 31 October 2002 (2002-10-31) * page 6, column 18 - page 11, column 10; figures 1-3 * | 1-23 | |
| X | US 2002/007979 A1 (WILSON ERIK C) 24 January 2002 (2002-01-24) * paragraphs '0023! - '0032!; figures 1-4 * | 1-23 | |
| A | US 2001/050471 A1 (MCCOY RICHARD W ET AL) 13 December 2001 (2001-12-13) * paragraph '0025!; figure 2 * | 5,9-12, 15-18, 22,23 | ✓ |
| The present search report has been drawn up for all claims | | | TECHNICAL FIELDS SEARCHED (EPOCL7) |
| 2 | Place of search | Date of completion of the search | Examiner |
| | Munich | 24 November 2004 | Waters, D |
| CATEGORY OF CITED DOCUMENTS | | | |
| X: particularly relevant // taken alone Y: particularly relevant if combined with another document of the same category A: technological background C: non-written disclosure P: intermediate document | | | |
| T : theory or principle underlying the invention E : earlier patent document, but published on or after the filing date D : document cited in the application L : document cited for other reasons S : member of the same patent family, corresponding document | | | |